

RMOWP 2026 Conference

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Tuesday – Friday, September 29-October 2nd, 2026, Grand Junction, Colorado
Meals, Meeting, and Workshops at Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Tuesday, September 29

2 pm – 4 pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Open to All Members)
6 pm – 7 pm	Registration & Opening Reception, Happy Hour, Light Buffet
7 pm -	Opening Welcome, Presentation of Contest Submissions

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 am – 9 am	Bird Banding with Cary Atwood - Grand Valley Audubon Society
11 am – 11:30 am	General Membership Meeting
11:30 am – 12:30 am	RMOWP - Anne Sullivan Writers' Forum – Moderator Clare Gutierrez
12:30 pm – 1 pm	Lunch – Meeting Room (Deli Meat & Vegetable Trays)
1 pm – 2:30 pm	Publishing For Outdoor Writing – Bill Haggerty
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Santa Clara Ranch – Dan Bernskoetter, Frank Zurey, and Beto Gutierrez
3:30 pm – 6 pm	Dinner On Your Own
6pm -	Colorado National Monument – Sunset and Moonrise (Welcome Center Fruita, CO Entrance) Sunset 7 pm, 90% Full Moonrise 9:12 pm

Thursday, October 1

8 am – 10 am	Guided Bird Walk with Logan Wagner, Grand Valley Audubon Society
11 am – 12:30 am	Journaling in the Backcountry: How to Capture Your Experience – Melody Jones (President Western Colorado Writers' Forum)
12:30 pm – 1 pm	Lunch – Meeting Room (Deli Meat & Vegetable Trays)
1 pm – 2:30 pm	RMOWP - Photo Critique with Fred Lord and Dan Bernskoetter
2:30 pm – 4 pm	The Magic of Taking Photos – Andy Bowen (Above Alpine Photography)
6 pm – 6:30 pm	A Special Tribute to Jack Olson – Meeting Room
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Dinner – Meeting Room (Mexican Food Buffet)
7 pm -	Member Auction

Friday, October 2

8:30 am – 10 am	Lines, Layers, Levels, and Light – Eric Glassco (RMOWP Member)
11:30 am – 12 pm	Setup at Grand Junction Library – “Capturing the Outdoors” – RMOWP Photography and Writing Showcase
12 pm – 5 pm	Grand Junction Library – 443 North 6 th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 Grand Junction Library – “Capturing the Outdoors” – RMOWP Photography and Writing Showcase (For members who are not participating in the library showcase, this afternoon is yours to enjoy.)
6:30 pm – 7 pm	Happy Hour – Meeting Room
7 pm –	Banquet – Dinner (BBQ Buffet) – Awards Presentation & Awards